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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

No. DA 09-0624

WILLIAM RONALD HENDERSON,

Petitioner and Appellant,

v.

STATE OF MONTANA,

Respondent and Appellee.

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**STATUS REPORT ON ORDER APPOINTING COUNSEL
REGARDING OUT-OF-TIME APPEAL**

On December 9, 2009, the Court appointed the Office of the Appellate Defender to assist William Ronald Henderson in filing a petition for out-of-time appeal regarding the Eleventh Judicial District Court's denial of his petition for post-conviction relief. The matter was subsequently assigned to undersigned counsel. Counsel has made telephone contact with Mr. Henderson who is presently incarcerated at the Stafford Creek Corrections Center in Aberdeen, Washington. Counsel and Mr. Henderson are in the process of drafting and reviewing verified petition and supporting affidavit by Mr. Henderson. Given the mechanics of mailing drafts and documents back and forth, counsel estimates that it will be an additional couple of weeks before counsel is able to file a petition for out-of-time appeal on Mr. Henderson's behalf.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of January, 2010.

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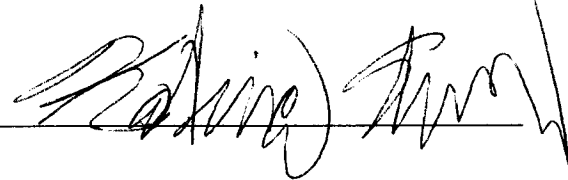
I hereby certify that I caused a true and accurate copy of the foregoing Status Report on Order Appointing Counsel Regarding Out-of-Time Appeal to be mailed to:

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